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## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSEY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

**Oak Grove.**  
Rev. C. S. Feider, the new pastor of the Brownville circuit will arrive with his family soon and take up his pastoral duties.

Rev. J. B. Weldon preached his last sermon at Bethesda last Sunday morning. He leaves for his new field of labor at Norway this week.

Rev. L. T. Phillips of Rowesville spent a short while visiting friends in this section last week on his return from the Methodist Conference at McColl.

The Oak Grove school is full to capacity and seems to be moving on nicely. The two assistants attended the teachers' meeting at Columbia and report a pleasant trip.

**Kemper.**  
Miss Manna Ray spent Saturday morning at Lake View.

Miss Manna Ray went over to Marion Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Kneese spent the week end with friends at Hamer.

Mr. Burney Hayes and family spent Sunday with relatives at Gresham.

Messrs. Burney Hayes and Charlie Moody have new Berch touring cars.

There was a call meeting of the School Improvement Association at the Teachersage on Thursday afternoon. Several interesting topics were discussed.

There will be an oyster supper and box party at the Kemper school house on Thursday evening, December 11th, beginning at seven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Oakland.**  
Mr. White of Bonlee, N. C., visited our community last week.

Miss Ruth Kneese of Kemper spent last week end at the Oakland Teachersage.

Mrs. G. W. Campbell and infant son, who were severely burned some time ago, are both improving.

Quite a number of our young folk attended the "Tom Thumb" wedding at Alfordville last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schofield of Pellon, S. C., spent the week end with their sister, Miss Carrie B. Schofield.

The ladies of the Improvement Association will give a bazaar and box supper at the school house, December 11th.

Miss Mary Bryant entertained a number of friends at her home near Rowland Friday night, in honor of Miss Kneese and Mr. and Mrs. Schofield.

**Fork.**  
Mr. K. S. Carmichael spent Saturday in Dillon.

Mrs. Mary Rogers spent the week end with her son, F. C. Rogers at Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schofield spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. Schofield.

Miss Nannie Belle Taylor spent sometime with her brother Mr. C. E. Taylor.

Mrs. E. Johnson is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Milton Rogers.

Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael and little son spent last week in Rowland with relatives.

Mr. Ira McCormick has purchased Mrs. Johnson's residence and will move the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rogers and J. O. Rogers, Jr., of Dillon spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis of Mullins and Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Currie of Taber N. C., spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lewis.

There will be an entertainment at Fork school house Friday night, December 12th. Will serve oysters and have an old time spelling bee. The public is cordially invited, the proceeds for the benefit of the school building.

**Sellers.**  
Mr. Flemming Ramsuer spent Thanksgiving with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal have recently moved into a new house on Church street.

Mr. F. B. Watson spent Saturday in Florence with his daughter, Miss Lanier.

Miss Jeanette Aiken formerly music teacher here, spent Thanksgiving in Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sellers are visiting their sisters Misses Anne and Lella Sellers at Washington, D. C.

Mr. James Norton, Mrs. W. Norton, Mrs. Eliza Johnston and Mrs. Margie Strickland of Mullins were in Sellers one afternoon last week.

Mrs. Charlie Tighman and children have returned from New York where they have been visiting Mrs. Tighman's father, who is very ill.

Mr. J. C. Baker and daughters, Misses Louise and Margaret, Miss Mattie Price and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Watson dined at the home of Mr. H. W. Ritch Sunday.

Mrs. J. Stephen Bethea and little son McCloud of Prescott, Ariz., have returned to their home. They will stop over in Washington, D. C. for a few days visiting relatives.

We are informed that Mr. S. Lein-

## PASTOR'S SALARY INCREASED.

Methodists Show Appreciation of Dr. Duncan's Good Work by Substantial Salary Increase.

Dr. and Mrs. Watson B. Duncan entertained the board of stewards of The First Methodist church of Dillon last night at an elegant six course dinner. This was the first meeting of the board for the present fiscal year. The following stewards were present: J. D. Hargrove, J. F. Thompson, W. H. Muller, Capers Braddy, W. J. Adams, J. P. McLaurin, Prof. W. D. Roberts, T. W. Bethea, E. L. Moore, Dr. A. J. Evans, J. B. Gibson, W. C. Moore, W. J. Carter, B. A. Bedenbaugh, J. Earle Bethea, D. W. Bethea and L. Cottingham. After the dinner which afforded all present a most delightful social occasion, the guests returned to the sitting room and parlor-en-suite; went into executive session. The session was opened with prayer by Dr. Duncan after which he outlined his ideas for the coming year's work. Prof. W. D. Roberts was elected chairman of the board and J. D. Hargrove vice chairman for the year. B. A. Bedenbaugh was elected secretary and treasurer.

The pastor's salary was increased to \$3,000, and some of the assessments of the church members were raised. Many of the board voluntarily asked to be raised from 20 to 50 per cent, in order to meet easily the budget for the new year.

In testimony of the good feeling and the valuable service being rendered by Dr. Duncan the stewards presented to him, before adjourning, a purse amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars which was quickly made up by the stewards present.

## Passenger Trains Discontinued.

The Atlantic Coast Line has announced the following passenger trains: Trains 66 and 67 between Fayetteville and Bennettsville.

Trains 68 and 69 between Sumter and Columbia.

Trains 41 and 42 between Creston and Pregonals.

Trains 21 and 22 between Orangeburg and Croston.

Other announcements as to curtailment of service on account of the coal shortage will follow, it being the desire of the officials to give the public due notice of any changes contemplated.

## D. A. R. Meeting.

Mrs. Arch M. Bethea entertained the members of the Rebecca Pickens Chapter D. A. R. at the home of Mrs. Frank Thompson on Tuesday evening.

Reports of the Conference held in Cheraw were given by the Regent Mrs. T. W. Bethea and the delegate, Mrs. L. R. Craig. There were no papers read at the close of the business meeting. Sandwiches and coffee were served to the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Frank Thompson, Mrs. James Hargrove and Mrs. John C. Bethea.

wand expects to leave Sellers January 1st. Mr. Leinwand and family have proved themselves to be excellent citizens and we hate to give them up.

## Minturn.

Mildred Usher who broke her leg two weeks ago is improving fast.

Miss Charlton John spent the week end at her home in Bennettsville.

Miss Myrtle Weatherly of Clio high school spent the week end at her home.

Miss Harriet McLees of Hamer spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Chandler.

Miss Elizabeth Townsend of Climax, Georgia, is spending the winter with Mrs. H. N. Cousar to attend the school at Bingham, S. C.

The Hargrove Literary Society of Minturn held its regular meeting Friday afternoon and elected new officers which were as follows:

Misses Annie Henegan and Kate Evans spent the week end at Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, N. C.

Mrs. J. C. Usher from Hartsville spent a few days last week with Mrs. Sam Usher.

President, Effie Evans; vice-president, Mary Edwards; Secretary, Monroe Johnson; First Critic, Mary Proctor; second critic, Mack McQueen; censor, Tommie McSwain; correspondent to the Dillon Herald, Minnie Usher.

## Judson

Mr. and Mrs. Beecham visited home folks in Clio Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Cottingham visited Mrs. Cottingham's sister in Laurinburg Sunday.

We are glad to report that Mr. L. C. Ford, who has been on the sick list is able to be out again.

Mrs. J. D. Cottingham who has been in the hospital at Fayetteville for a few days came home Sunday night.

Judson church is getting on nicely raising their quota of the \$75,000,000. Here's hoping to go over the top.

Mrs. S. L. Smith and family visited Mrs. Smith's brother-in-law, Mr. J. C. Smith of near Maxton, Sunday last.

Mr. J. L. Cottingham is having his house painted and when it is finished will have one of the prettiest homes in the country.

Miss Edna McDaniel, the trained nurse from Madison, Fla., who is located at Mr. J. L. Cottingham's is nursing in Clio.

Mr. J. A. E. Cottingham and Mrs. Mrs. Cottingham and daughter, Kathleen were pleasant visitors at the home of Mr. J. L. Cottingham Sunday.

## SAYS COTTON CROP BELOW 10,000,000

WANNAMAKER CLAIMS TRADE DEMANDS 15,000,000.

Growers Assured of Share of Profits. Says Cotton Association President.

J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, last night issued a statement in which he says the indicated yield from the present cotton crop will be 9,667,000 bales. When to this is added the cotton brought over in the seed from last year, cotton for samples, undersized bales and "crop," the total yield should be 10,120,000 exclusive of linters. The following is the crop estimate, supplemented by a discussion of the labor situation and the cost of production: "The cotton crop has been cornered by natural forces. The crop is far too small for the world's requirements. Our investigations, both at home and abroad, show that it will require an American crop of 15,000,000 bales from the present crop to anything like meet the absolutely pressing demand for raw cotton. The manufacturer could pay far higher prices for the raw material without increasing the price of the manufactured product, and still make a handsome profit. The Southern cotton producer has the cotton consuming world absolutely at its feet for the first time in the history of the trade. There is such a colossal demand for goods and such an inadequate supply of raw cotton, and the market is so enormously over sold in both long and short staple cotton, that it will be absolutely and entirely impossible to fill these commitments regardless of the price offered for the raw material. A similar condition has never existed in the cotton industry. The enormous profits being made, by spinners and manufacturers, the tremendous number of orders clamoring for execution, both at home and overseas, will add to the acuteness of the situation. Far higher prices under these conditions are an inevitable certainty. The supply of good grade cotton is unthinkably short and is bound to force an enormous premium for good grade cotton and to raise the price far higher for off grade.

Indicated Yield.

"Investigations into the remotest rural districts of the cotton belt bring to light the fact that the ginning of the growing crop is more nearly completed than at the same time at any period in the industry. There was an enormous amount of seed cotton brought over from 1918 which will be added to the indicated yield of the present crop. The indicated yield from the growing crop we find to be 9,667,000. To this must be added cotton brought over in the seed from 1918, cotton from samples, undersized bales and city crop, making a total yield of 10,120,000 bales, exclusive of linters.

"Labor shortage is more acute than it was in the spring of 1919, and it was necessary to abandon an enormous amount of acreage for this reason, so that there is no possibility under present conditions, to cultivate an acreage for the coming year ever as large as the acreage planted for this year. On account of adverse seasons there will be an enormous scarcity of planting seed throughout the Western belt.

Cost of Production.

"While the present crop has been the most costly ever produced, 1919 will show a far higher cost. A systematic campaign is now on throughout the length and breadth of the cotton belt which is meeting with ready response for the producer to buy October cotton in New York at present prices, which are far below the cost of production, and planting his land in food and feed crops, which can be produced with less labor. This in itself will make an enormous reduction in yield for 1920, and increase the demand. As a result of the campaign conducted in every section of the cotton belt there is absolutely no such thing as invisible cotton existing today. The previous demands have added this source to draw from. Under these conditions with a demand far in excess of the supply, with a natural corner in the cotton crop, the price of the manufactured product, far higher prices should prevail for raw cotton and such higher prices are absolutely certain under these conditions.

"The producer, being thoroughly organized through the American Cotton Association, absolutely controls the raw cotton. It will be necessary to pay him a fair profit, based upon supply and demand, the cost of production, and the price being paid for the manufactured product."

## New Enterprise for Dillon.

Dr. E. A. Early of Florence has leased one of the stores in the "Bracey Block" and will open a mint cola plant in Dillon January 1st. The plant will be in charge of Mr. J. M. Weaver, who arrived in Dillon Tuesday for the purpose of getting the building ready for the machinery which will arrive in a few days. Dr. Early is a resident of Florence and has several mint cola plants in the Pee Dee section. He is making arrangements to distribute his product among dealers in adjoining towns. Mint cola is manufactured by the Mint Cola Co., of Salisbury, N. C., and is a popular drink. Dr. Early spent Tuesday in town making arrangements for the opening of his plant.

## END OF COAL STRIKE CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED

MINERS AND OPERATORS ARE ALMOST TOGETHER.

High Official of United Mine Workers Says Settlement Practically Certain.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—Settlement of the strike of coal miners tomorrow confidently was predicted late tonight by a high official of the United Mine Workers of America. It was declared that the conservative element was in the majority and that an agreement on the President's proposal for termination of the controversy was only a question of how long it would take to hear the arguments of all representatives who wished to speak.

This official, who strongly favored acceptance of the new plan for the strike, spoke enthusiastically of the fight made for adoption of the proposal by Acting President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Green, of the miners' organization, at today's meeting of the general committee of the miners at which the plan was presented. This fight he said, was continued after adjournment of the conference at 6:30 tonight, and it was believed that more than sufficient strength was mustered to vote down the radical element when the committee reconvenes tomorrow. Consideration of the question will be resumed at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

"Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green," he said, "wholeheartedly, accepted the proposition made them by President Wilson and entered into the fight for its adoption by the miners with all their strength. Settlement of the controversy, when it comes, will be greatly due to their efforts, and it is only justice to give them credit for the fight."

"The conservative element, which favors acceptance of the plan, is clearly in the majority, and there is no question of the final outcome."

It also was learned that four tented caucuses, in which so-called radicals of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania participated were held tonight. Except that plans were made for continuing the fight against adoption of the strike settlement plan nothing could be learned of the proceedings.

## Rebecca Pickens Chapter Entertains

One of the most enjoyable events of the week was a Rook party given under the auspices of the Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R., on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. C. L. Wheeler. Last week having been designated as "Tammasee Week" by the State Regent the Chapter was anxious to do its part financially for this good cause, the support of this Mountain Schools for girls. At eight o'clock between fifty and sixty young folks married and single, assembled to enjoy an evening of Rook. After a number of games were played the Regent, Mrs. T. W. Bethea, Mrs. Wheeler and several members of the chapter served delightful refreshments of chicken salad, crackers, olives pickles and coffee. Quite a nice sum of money was made and members of the chapter especially appreciate gifts of money made by some who could not attend.

## BIG COTTON BANK.

The members of the South Carolina Cotton Association met at Columbia last Thursday and organized a large bank which will handle distress cotton for the farmers of the state. The capital of the new bank will be \$2,000,000, and its business will be to lend money on cotton stored in bonded warehouses. A director was elected from each congressional district in the state, Mr. T. L. Manning being elected a director from this district. Mr. Manning has been very active in the movement to form a business organization among the farmers and will make the 6th district an excellent representative.

## Parent-Teacher's Meeting.

At the last meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, which was held on November 14, it was most gratifying both to have so many parents present and also to have the subjects for discussion entered into so fully and freely.

The December meeting will be held on next Friday afternoon, December 12, promptly at 4:00 o'clock and there will be a Round Table discussion of the following questions:

I. What books will aid the parents and the teacher in getting a better understanding of the child?

II. Should a parent permit his child to attend social meetings, moving pictures, or entertainments of any kind at night during the school week?

All the parents are urged to attend this meeting and to take part in the discussion.

## Dr. Duncan Pounded.

Quite a large number of the members of Main street Methodist church visited the parsonage on last Friday night and surely pounded the pastor, Dr. Watson B. Duncan.

Mrs. W. McInnis spent the week end in town.

## DILLON FOLK TAKE AIR TRIPS.

Airmen Spent Several Days in Dillon and Many Citizens Take Rides.

No longer is the airship a novelty in Dillon. A ship spent several days here last week and scores of Dillon folk took trips through the air. The small boy was in his seventh heaven, and it was with difficulty that the attention of the school boys could be kept on their books.

The plane found a good landing place in T. W. Bethea's oat field two miles southwest of Dillon and the trips were made from the landing field over town and then back by a circuitous route. The plane came over from Bennettsville where it had been doing a land office business with the citizens of the Marlboro capital. Twenty dollars for a 20 minute trip was the price charged and it was not often the case that a passenger argued with the airman over the length of the stay in the clouds.

Mr. James M. Sprunt, cashier of the Bank of Dillon, was the first Dillon man to "break the ice." Mr. Sprunt saw the airman land and he went out to the field immediately. When told that he was in Dillon for the purpose of taking passengers up into the clouds Mr. Sprunt said he was ready to go, and he had the distinction of being the first native Dillonite to view his own town from a distance of a thousand feet in the air. Mr. Sprunt said it was a delightful sensation and he was charmed with the experience.

Mr. L. Cottingham went up the second day and when the airman took what is known as a "nose dive" while over the centre of the town he braced himself for what looked like a fall. When the plane was within a hundred feet of the ground the airman shot it back into the clouds and when it settled again on a straight shoot back to the fields Mr. Cottingham said he felt happy. While up in the air a considerable distance Mr. Cottingham dropped his eye-glasses, but strange to say they were found that same afternoon near Mr. E. T. Elliott's residence. The finder happened to walk into Mr. Cottingham's store next morning and remarked that he had found a pair of gold rimmed glasses. He pulled them out and Mr. Cottingham identified them as his own. The glasses were not injured by the fall from the clouds.

The airman returned to Bennettsville Saturday afternoon where he was scheduled to make exhibition flights at a land sale to be held near Bennettsville Tuesday. Mr. Sprunt accompanied him on the trip back to Bennettsville. Mr. Sprunt said they went by way of Minturn and about two miles to the north of Clio. They were a considerable distance in the air, but Clio was easily seen and recognized. The time consumed in making the trip to Bennettsville from the time the plane rose into the air until it settled on the landing field in Bennettsville was 17 minutes. Mr. Sprunt said they were in no danger at any time during the journey as they could have landed almost anywhere, there were so many open fields. The only dangerous place they crossed, he said, was Donahoe Bay. He recognized the big strip of woods long before they came to it, but they were flying at such a height that the machine could have glided to a place of safety even if anything had happened while they were over the centre of the woods.

The plane's visit to Dillon had had the effect of arousing considerable interest in aviation, and there is talk of organizing a company and buying a plane for commercial purposes. If the company is organized regular schedules will be established to towns throughout the Pee Dee section.

Dillon was the first town in the south to own an airplane. When flying was in its infancy Mr. W. Murchison purchased a plane which made several trial flights. The machines in that day, however, were not practical, and after repeated attempts to negotiate the air the plane was sold to other parties.

There have been so many improvements over the first machines that air navigation is no longer an experiment and it is predicted that in a few years they will be almost as common as automobiles.

## STACKHOUSE-SELLERS.

Dr. and Mrs. Wade Stackhouse announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth to Phillip Bruce Sellers, of Birmingham, Ala.

The happy event will take place during the Christmas holidays and is anticipated with a great deal of interest by numerous friends and relatives of the young couple.

Miss Stackhouse is a universal favorite in Dillon where she has spent most of her life since childhood except during her college days, at the College for Women in Columbia.

Bruce Sellers is the son of Mrs. P. B. Sellers and lived in Dillon until he entered Georgia Tech, and after graduating there he entered the field of electrical engineering with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. He now holds a responsible position in his profession in Birmingham, Ala.

Auto Licenses on Sale.

New automobile license plates for the operation of cars during 1920 went on sale last Monday, the 8th and are being distributed by the State Highway Department at Columbia. The new signs are different from the 1919 signs, having white letters on a blue field, whereas for 1919 the signs were white with black letters.

## DILLON FARMERS WILL BUILD WAREHOUSES

OLD COMPANY DISSOLVED TO FORM NEW CORPORATION.

Will Join State Wide Organization and Build Large Storage Warehouse.

The Board of directors of the Dillon County Cotton Corporation held a meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday and after a thorough discussion adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the directors of the Dillon County Cotton Corporation recommend to the stockholders that the Dillon Cotton Corporation be dissolved or liquidated and in order to be in line with the purpose and policy of The American Cotton Association that the Dillon County Cotton Unit of the American Cotton Association pledge its pro-rata of stock to the Export Corporation and that a warehouse company be organized in Dillon county for the purpose of building a warehouse with a 10,000 bale capacity. That a government grader be produced and that a campaign be put on for the cotton raiser in Dillon county through the warehouse and marketing system.

That the warehouse above referred to be a central warehouse located in Dillon. That the other warehouses or individual owners of warehouses throughout the county be permitted to be member warehouses of the central warehouse and marketing corporation, the basis and rules governing the membership to be as follows:

That they maintain their separate identity as corporations. That they enjoy all the rights and privileges of the central corporation without additional expense to them except their pro-rata share of the expense of weighers, graders and other agents and excess insurance rates. That provided further that no one but members of the American Cotton Association shall receive any service from said corporation or its agents.

The resolution as adopted is in sequence of the organization of the South Carolina branch of the American Cotton Association in Columbia on Tuesday, December 2nd. W. W. Evans, Dr. J. H. David, T. L. Manning and L. Cottingham attended the organization meeting in Columbia and posted themselves thoroughly on the policy and the procedure adopted.

Until this meeting the county units have had no absolute foundation for action further than securing members and organizing according to the plans upon which this county did organize. It was found that Dillon county was the only county in the state to organize a cotton corporation and collect a per centage of the money subscribed.

The organization of said corporation was in accordance with the Jennings plan which plan did never meet with the approval of the leaders in the great movement and the Jennings plan was not mentioned in the organization meeting at Columbia. A financial plan was adopted however which in the minds of the five hundred or more delegates present was a proper solution, namely An Export and Marketing Corporation with a capital of two million dollars to be located in Columbia. Each county is expected to subscribe its pro-rata share of the stock based on the number of bales of cotton raised. As Dillon county raises about 45,000 bales of cotton it will be apportioned about \$85,000,00 of the stock on a basis of about \$2.00 per bale. This great banking institution centrally located proposes to help the farmer finance his cotton when properly graded and warehoused.

The warehouse question is one for each county to solve. Without the proper warehouse facilities the farmer can do nothing and every plan falls flat. To meet this contingency the directors suggest in their resolution a warehouse and marketing plan which if adopted by the members of the Dillon County Cotton Association will save the farmers of this county thousands of dollars and put the business end of farming upon a level with other great industries. The farmer will then no longer be "fodder" for the cotton speculator and the unscrupulous cotton buyers.

When a bale of cotton is brought to the warehouse under the plan proposed the cotton is graded by an expert authorized grader, the grade is stamped on the bale of cotton and a receipt is issued for the bale of cotton so stamped giving the grade and weight. This receipt will be recognized throughout the south and the world as authentic and valid and the holder thereof can sell his cotton both as to grade and weight without ever again seeing his cotton. He will have also at his command the selling agent of the warehouse who might be of very material assistance in procuring the highest market price for it.

In consequence of the action of the directors of the Dillon County Cotton corporation, every stockholder is urgently requested to attend a stockholder's meeting on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the court house at which the money paid in by each stockholder will be refunded and a new organization will be gone into along the lines as officially adopted and recommended by the state organization.

L. COTTINGHAM, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Dillon County Cotton Corporation.